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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

Pan-American Medical Congress to meet in Guatemala August 6–10, 1908.

The Fourth Pan-American Medical Congress, assembled at Panama in January, 1905, agreed that the capital of the Republic of Guatemala should be the place of meeting of the succeeding congress. The Government and the people of the Republic of Guatemala, as well as the official committee created to organize the Fifth Pan-American Medical Congress, have expressed the desire that this meeting should attain its high aims in the most efficacious manner.

The national executive committee of Guatemala, through its president, Dr. Juan J. Ortega, and secretary, Dr. José Azurdia, has accordingly issued invitations to attend the Fifth Pan-American Medical Congress to be held in Guatemala August 6–10, 1908. The committee also invites participation in the programme, and requests that interest be taken in the congress, which has for its object stimulation of advance of the medical sciences and contribution to the improvement of health and the prolongation of life among the American people.

Communications should be addressed to Dr. José Azurdia, secretary, Guatemala, C. A.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague statistics — Plague-prevention work at San Francisco.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Fox, in temporary charge, reports, April 18:

Total cases of plague at San Francisco verified bacteriologically to April 18, 121; total cases verified clinically, 38; total deaths, 77. The last case at San Francisco was taken sick January 30 and confirmed by bacteriological examination as plague, February 8, 1908. Date of finding of last infected rat, April 17.

The last case at Oakland, Cal., died December 22, 1907. The last plague-infected rats at Oakland were found during the week ended April 11, 1908. The only case at Berkeley, Cal., died September 1, 1907. The only case at Point Richmond, Cal., was taken sick November 27, 1907, and recovered.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Week ended April 18.

Sick inspected	27
Dead inspected	165
Necropsies held	1
Premises inspected	22,789
Houses disinfected	179
Houses destroyed	24
Buildings condemned	17
Nuisances abated	4,998
Rats found dead	629
Rats trapped	5,823
Total rats taken	6,452
Rats identified:	
Mus decumanus	4,938
Mus rattus	96
Mus musculus	553
Total	5,587
Bounty rats received	3,697
Rats examined bacteriologically	3,559
Rats infected with bacillus pestis	5
Poisons placed	207,894

Plague prevention work at Emeryville, Point Richmond, Oakland, and Berkeley, and in Contra Costa County, Cal.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports, April 15 and 17:

EMERYVILLE, CAL.

Week ended April 11.

Sick inspected	29
Dead inspected	1
Premises inspected	6
Houses disinfected	1
Nuisances abated	4
Rats found dead	87
Rats trapped	141
Poisons placed	4,100
Notices served	7

POINT RICHMOND, CAL.

Week ended April 11.

Sick inspected	4
Dead inspected	5
Premises inspected	187
Nuisances abated	37
Rats found dead	17
Rats trapped	178
Poisons placed	4,800

Passed Assistant Surgeon Fox reports, April 22:

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL.

Week ended April 18.

Sick inspected	61
Dead inspected	2
Premises inspected	388

Nuisances abated	132
Rats trapped	52
Poisons placed	2,740
Notices served	101

EMERYVILLE, CAL.

Week ended April 18.

Sick inspected	37
Dead inspected	1
Premises inspected	12
Houses disinfected	1
Nuisances abated	12
Rats found dead	70
Rats trapped	134
Poisons placed	6,180
Notices served	7

BERKELEY, CAL.

Week ended April 18.

Dead inspected	8
Premises inspected	1,498
Nuisances abated	29
Rats trapped	137
Poisons placed	1,000
Notices served	42

OAKLAND, CAL.

Week ended April 18.

Sick inspected	202
Dead inspected	49
Premises inspected	10,622
Houses disinfected	1
Nuisances abated	1,607
Rats found dead	195
Rats trapped	1,004
Poisons placed	176,973
Notices served	1,425
Ships inspected	33
Certificates signed	8
Rats examined bacteriologically	719
Rats infected with bacillus pestis	6

POINT RICHMOND, CAL.

Week ended April 18.

Sick inspected	2
Dead inspected	4
Premises inspected	180
Nuisances abated	37
Rats found dead	101
Rats trapped	4,800

Outgoing quarantine transactions.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Hobdy reports, April 17:

Week ended April 11:

Vessels fumigated and certified	60
Vessels certified	66